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DISCRETION on the part of a candidate for office is very often the better part of valor, and this has numerous exemplifications.

Either Knavery or Folly.

A great ado is naturally made by the Democratic papers over the fact that ex-Secretary Whitney and one of the Havemeyers have entered denials of the charge that their gigantic sugar trust subscribed a large fund to the Democratic national campaign committee, in exchange for the privilege of editing the sugar schedules of the Democratic tariff bill. We cannot blame the gentlemen for not wishing to confirm the disgraceful details of this convincing exposure. Neither can we feel a large measure of surprise at the fact that their denials are uncommonly satisfactory to the able editors who conduct cockoo Democratic organs. For purposes of sensationalism, it would be decidedly more startling if they had not denied them, but had admitted their substantial accuracy.

It will be perceived, nevertheless, that a vague denial from this interested source does not fulfill all the functions of an explicit vindication. It is a practice of our criminal courts, when a prisoner is under criminal indictment to give him the benefit of a plea of "not guilty," but it is also customary to go right on with the trial. There is certainly nothing in a brief negation which destroys any of the force of the Philadelphia Press' detailed and summary accusation. The writer of that arraignment, Mr. E. J. Edwards, is a journalist whose long experience as the custodian of important secrets has not yet been marred by any such deception as would be true of this expose were it to turn out to be deliberately false. The editor of the paper in which the article was conspicuously printed, Mr. Charles Emory Smith, is a man who has represented his government in the highest diplomatic trusts and a gentleman of whom it is impossible to believe that he would consciously libel or print without adequate investigation charges reflecting so seriously as do these upon the honor and the conscience of the administration. If it be said that the burden of proof rests naturally upon the prosecution, all who have read the detailed arraignment must candidly admit that this burden has been unloaded and that now it is in order for the defendants to bring forward something more substantial in rebuttal than a flippant denial unsupported by exculpatory evidence.

Last of all, it is notorious that the denials from this interested source have not denied in the past. It is the same Mr. Whitney in this instance that once before solemnly denied the existence of an understanding with John J. Van Alen, yet the symptoms of a vicious bargain were so numerous and so damaging that Van Alen himself had to forgo the promised reward and betake himself, amid the derision of the whole nation, to a foreign clime. If in so small a matter as the purchase of an ambassadorship a denial from the alleged agents in the deal was not sufficient to carry conviction in the minds of the public, how dare these same men now presume to believe that an equally weak and pointless denial can clear the bedraggled skirts of the entire Democratic administration without further inquiry or vindication? One of two conclusions in this case is absolutely inevitable. Either the Bourbon managers have sold their countrymen out at the bidding of a giant trust or else they have themselves acted in a manner that betrays idiocy, stupidity and utter unfitness for legislative responsibility.

The public may judge which of these suppositions is true.

THE REPEATED assertions that Charles B. Snyder, late publisher of the Wilkes-Barre Times, contemplates entering journalism in Scranton seem to be without foundation. Mr. Snyder is at present in New York city and it has been reported upon good authority that he contemplates going to Europe in the near future. As a practical journalist his work has been conspicuous for its pluck, persistence and executive tact. With small resources he has often achieved what upon its scale seemed almost impossible. His many friends in this city will regret to hear of his abandonment of the neighborhood field and will expect to receive good tidings from his subsequent activities elsewhere.

A Fight for Principle.

One point in connection with the Delaware county judgeship fight which deserves to be carefully considered by those who contemplate a bolt of the Clayton ticket is that they cannot succeed along partisan lines. If the objection to the Republican nominee be true that he is unfit because of his unsavory political methods, this cannot be overcome by the nomination of an equally suspicious partisan on the other side. Nor should the opposing candidate, if one is to be chosen, be a member of the opposite political household. To rely upon a Democrat to rebuke Claytonism, however admirable he be personally, is in a certain sense to endorse general methods which, although in this exceptional instance copied by a Republican, are not generally characteristic of Republican judicial candidates and do not receive the general Republican endorsement.

In other words, if Judge Clayton be the unfit man which many reputable Republicans say he is, it is only fair to the majority party of Delaware county that the man who is to typify the popular rebuke should also be selected from the same party that has selected Clayton. Our knowledge of the facts in this case is derived wholly from what is printed by witnesses who are in a position to be fair and accurate. These parties

sobs and journals say things with reference to the president judge of Delaware county which ought not to be said about any president judge anywhere, for the reason that the position itself should be superior to such accusations. Making, therefore, due discount it remains true that a candidate for judge who is forced to descend to an undignified and desperate scramble to secure a renomination must, in the present intelligent age, be regarded as in some degree unworthy of the bench that he occupies.

Representing, therefore, a principle, and that a most creditable and unselfish one, the reputable opposition to this particular candidate's election should not make the fatal mistake of yielding its moral influence to the furtherance of other tricksters, who may seek to manipulate it for personal profit. No fact is clearer, despite frequent derivative denials, than that the coming election in politics will be that which unselfishly endeavors to promote the general good. An age of widespread education and diffusing culture would be an utter anomaly if it did not lead to prudent and sagacious independence in politics, as well as in other avenues of human activity. Insofar as the Delaware county protest to Claytonism typifies this honest dissent to methods that will not bear the light of day, be it successful or no, it is deserving of popular respect and should not sacrifice that respect by going to an equally revolting opposite partisan extreme.

WE BELIEVE, with the women of Lexington, Ky., that a further endorsement of W. C. P. Breckinridge at the polls "would be a disgrace to Kentucky, a shame upon manhood, an insult to womanhood, a sin of example to youth and a menace to both society and the home." And we further believe that no such thing will happen.

For Congress—Whom?

It is an interesting commentary on the utter demoralization prevailing among the local Democracy that after repeated efforts to get some well-financed candidate to take a free trade nomination for congress, it has virtually been decided, according to a seemingly well-authenticated rumor, to have the congressional nomination space vacant. The argument advanced by those who favor this course is that it would greatly embarrass the Democratic candidates for county officers to have a free trader bearing down on them; and from a strategic standpoint this position appears to be well chosen.

At the same time, if it be deemed worth while to have a Democratic ticket at all, many persons will wonder why it should not be a complete ticket. Inasmuch as the naming of Democratic candidates in this county this year will, in any event, be purely a matter of form, designed to keep up the tattered appearance of a regular party organization, there would seem to be slight reason for depriving some ambitious Lackawanna economist of the anti-industry, free-soup-house kind of what-ever nominal pleasure there may be in the honorary mention of his name at the top of the Democratic ticket. Coupled with the publication of his physiognomy in the papers, this would at least be in the nature of a valuable advertisement, and it would obviously do no harm. Perhaps, too, in the remote future, it might lead to something more substantial in the pleasant prestige which it would lend to a potent medicine biography or an obituary tribute.

We frankly do not see why there should be any invidious distinctions drawn against the Democratic congressional aspirants in this district. They have an equal right to annihilation with that which awaits those who may be chosen to adorn the same columns as nominees for the county offices. This is a good year for martyrs, particularly Democratic martyrs. The more of them the merrier, especially from a Republican standpoint; and one addition to the list would surely not overthrow the capacious measure of defeat held in trust for the Democratic party subject to delivery next November.

It is pleasant news that there is a possibility that Rev. Dr. Parke, the venerable pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Pittston and one of the pioneer evangelists of northeastern Pennsylvania Presbyterianism, may be persuaded to recall his resignation from the active ministry upon the condition that an assistant may be granted to him. The relinquishment of activities that have so long instructed, trained and profited the people of this entire community, although it would involve a well-deserved rest, would be an event fraught with much regret to many hundreds of admirers.

The Bituminous Strike.

The general testimony of close observers in this region is that the bituminous coal miners' strike is beginning to affect a number of our local industries favorably. Many western furnace owners, foreseeing the entire probability of another labor difficulty like those that have become annual incidents of soft coal and coke production, are understood to have observed timely precaution by purchasing grates adapted to the burning of anthracite fuel; and are now in position, to at least a limited extent, to receive and fill orders whether the strike is settled or prolonged. Another fact in this connection is that grates previously adapted to anthracite but latterly used for bituminous can be again fed with the hard diamond fuel satisfactorily.

Naturally, too, as the demand for anthracite increases in obedience to these conditions, surplus stocks are cleaned up, there is renewed call for powder and mining supplies and in turn the surplus labor now so prevalent in this country under the Democratic order of things, is drawn upon and given its share of activity. Were it thought necessary to further establish the obvious truth that all our home industries are interdependent and interwoven, the influences imparted to the northeastern Pennsylvania business situation by the tie-up of western mines could be traced into a thousand diversifying channels, small in themselves, but large in the aggregate.

Notwithstanding all this, however, we do not believe there is any general wish among the honest people of this region to profit selfishly at the expense of other sections. It is a favorite cry

of demagogues that all business motives are fundamentally selfish; but if this be admitted at all, it must be with the qualification that no section can long enjoy abnormal prosperity upon the condition that other sections must thereby abnormally suffer. In business, as in politics, the American people must to a large degree stand or fall together. The effort to foster sectionalism in a republic like our own is fundamentally vicious and unwise.

MISS POLLARD exhibits the habitual taste of women of her class when, after all the scandal with which she has been identified, she prepares to inflict upon the morbid public an autobiography under an almost salacious name. In her testimony in court she admitted that while a young girl she passed her time reading passionate novels and dreaming romantic dreams. It is now a pity she didn't wash dishes or hoe potatoes.

AN EXPERIENCE which a number of influential Scrantonians have recently had with an old-tongued book canvasser who presented indorsements obtained from several local clergymen under false pretenses is typical and therefore instructive. It emphasizes anew the fact that a bargain in any direction which cannot stand on its own merits should promptly fall, and great should be the fall thereof.

IT IS REASSURING to know that the New York newspapers are thoroughly satisfied with the Brooklyn handicap. That is more than can be said of several Scrantonians.

MUSIC and Musicians.

The chorus work on "The Fall of Babylon" is progressing in an encouraging manner under the direction of Tallie Morgan, and a full rehearsal in conjunction with the principal characters of the oratorio will take place in a few days. The solo list includes Miss Ann Marie Reynolds, Mrs. Kate Crossin, O'Brien, Miss Kaiser, of Wilkes-Barre; John T. Watkins, Joseph Burns and several other talented vocalists in this section. The rendition of the work promises to be one of the finest known in the history of Scranton musical enterprises.

Rockwell and Niven's charming song, "Told at Twilight," will soon be published. The composition, both musically and poetically, contains elements that cannot fail to make it a popular publication.

Probably the most meritorious musical organization in northeastern Pennsylvania is the Stringed Sextette, composed of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre musicians, who hold occasional meetings in the studio of Robert Bauer, the well known conductor. The sextette is composed of Messrs. Bauer and Hemburger, of Scranton, and Messrs. Hanston, Ladar, Albert Rippard and Thomas Rippard, of Wilkes-Barre. Music lovers who are fortunate in receiving invitations to their rehearsals are invariably treated to a feast of classic themes developed with artistic grace.

Professor Haydn Evans has been made local representative of the London College of Music. Examinations of parties in this section desiring degrees from the institution will be conducted by him in future.

E. E. Southworth, the pianist, is noted as one of the royal entertainers in musical circles. At the recent gathering of prominent musical people at his elegant studio in the Fowler building the guests were not only given a feast musically speaking, but the social and gastronomic features of the affair were also enjoyable. Such entertainments as the foregoing accomplish much toward creating a kindly sentiment among musicians, and Mr. Southworth's example is worthy of emulation.

Miss Gertrude Morris, a conscientious young pianist, is giving instruction with encouraging results to her many pupils in the studio at Bauer's building formerly occupied by Professor Protheroe.

The Lawrence band is among the promising young musical organizations of the city. The band, which is under leadership of Allan Lawrence, is composed of performers who are earnest and enthusiastic in their work and will not be satisfied with anything but high achievements.

As a musician, a conductor and a successful organizer, Robert J. Bauer, leader of the well known Bauer's band and orchestra, has few peers in his profession. It is a lamentable fact that the average musician of extraordinary talent usually lacks the business and executive ability necessary to make his natural talents profitable. The instrumental performer or vocalist of any prominence whatever, generally has to depend upon an assistant or manager in order to reap financial benefit from his or her chosen profession. Robert Bauer, however, is fortunate in being the possessor of business as well as artistic ability and is to be congratulated upon being leader of one of the best organized and most successful musical combinations in the land.

Labor and Sunday Ball.

Easton Express.

If there is no harm done the moral law by forcing a ball player to take part in a game on Sunday, there is no harm in having a railroad or anybody else work on that day. If it is profitable to deprive a ball player of his weekly day of physical rest, it is also profitable to have other men employed seven days a week. This it follows that every workingman who encourages Sunday ball is unconsciously helping to enslave himself and his class.

Restitution Should Be Forced.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

Tactic concurrence in the doctrine that the man who retires from public to private life after "making his pile" and before facing a petit jury has earned immunity, is a dangerous to the criminal classes in politics to secure all they can and step aside before the slow processes of the law overtake them.

THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

The summer girl will soon begin her fascinations to display. Where ocean's tumbling waves roll in and throw aloft their frothy spray. In suit of colors and ruffles neat, And adorned with ribbons bright, She'll draw the young men to her feet. In short, she'll simply kill on sight. While shines the sun she'll make her day. And be in clover, so to speak; She'll have a dozen of beaux a day. And be engaged six times a week.

—New York Press.

AN OLD ONE, BUT STILL GOOD.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

No one knows more jokes on the great men who were contemporaneous with Thad Stevens than Simon Stevens of this city, a relative of the great commoner. Mr. Stevens is a virile septuagenarian, a successful lawyer, a brilliant raconteur, a successful widower and a witty conversationalist. The other day some one remarked that Judge Black and Thad Stevens often had fits and that no love was lost between them. Mr. Stevens smiled and said: "I argued a case once before Judge Black, and during the course of my remarks Thad Stevens walked to and fro with his back to the judge. It annoyed the judge and he asked: 'Mr. Stevens, are you trying to show your contempt for the court?' 'No, sir,' he replied, 'I am trying to conceal it.' I closed my argument then and there."

The Real Offender.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Populists at Tacoma, or Scott City, or even on the capital grounds, are insignificant offenders compared with the Senators who are bent upon passing the tariff bill with its income tax attachment.

WOMAN'S MISSION.

She sat before an easel, with her head tipped lightly, as a point brush in her fingers, idly trailing to and fro. I stood quite close beside her, with a wildly beating heart. And gazed with reckless ardor her proficiency in art. How sweet she was and dainty! How I loved her! I declare. It seemed to me no other girl could be one-half so fair. As she sat there, leaning forward in the gracefulst of poses, And softly put the background in a plaque of yellow roses. Ah, that was many years ago; dear girl, I love her smiles and dimples and admire the wondrous skill Of her dainty, snowy fingers—I've been watching them tonight. Move to and fro above the work she's holding to the light. And, thinking of that other day, I doze a little, and dream of her. And she defies put a background into Jimmie's other "pans."—Judge.

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